

\$3,500 IN OIL AND GAS

CITIZENS SUBSCRIBE LIBERALLY FOR PROJECT.

Stock Company Already Formed and Officers for First Year Elected—*"They're Going Down."*

A meeting of about twenty-one subscribers for stock to put down a test well to explore for gas, oil, artesian water, or other mineral, was held at the office of T. P. Leonard Monday evening. The executive committee made its report that \$3,500 had been subscribed and the president of the preliminary organization, J. H. Stewart, called for an expression of opinion as to organizing at this meeting or deferring the matter to some subsequent date. On motion the proposition to organize at once was carried.

The following subscribers were elected as a board of directors: George Kelly, B. F. Brown, E. P. Leonard, R. A. Kent, F. A. Carmichael, William Walker, Jr., J. O. Boyle, E. F. Murphy and Hugh Dyatt. The directors organized with the following officers: George Kelly, president; B. F. Brown, vice president; E. P. Leonard, secretary; and R. A. Kent, treasurer. An application for a charter was drawn up by Attorney E. F. Murphy, and sent in to the secretary of state, and as soon as received, the company will proceed with business.

J. H. Stewart, the retiring president of the preliminary organization, was given a vote of thanks for his interest and efficiency in the organization of the company. The solicitor for subscriptions, W. E. Hill, was requested to continue his efforts in securing subscriptions for stock. The latest report is that \$3,500 has been raised already, and it is expected that it will soon reach \$5,000.

The personnel of the organization is a promise of success in the undertaking, as all the officers, directors and subscribers are substantial business men and public spirited citizens. Everything done thus far tends to inspire confidence, and the best posted declare that it is their firm belief that not only will the test well be put down but that the chances of striking mineral of value are good.

MENTIONS THE OIL PROPOSITION

Sixth District Notes in Topeka State Journal Has an Item.

The Topeka State Journal of January 8 has the following item in its sixth district notes, concerning the oil and gas boom in Goodland:

"Goodland people are organizing to drill for gas, coal and oil. The news says: 'The business men who are pushing the enterprise mean to drill a hole deep enough to get the fumes from hades and burn plutonic fire.'"

MASTER OF NIAGARA DEAD.

McLashan First Conceived Idea of Harnessing That Mighty Power.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 5.—Leonard McLashan, a wealthy, retired manufacturer, who was the first man to use power from Niagara Falls for manufacturing purposes, died of typhoid fever in the California hospital last night. Mr. McLashan was the founder of the great silver and nickel plate industry at Niagara Falls, and the idea of utilizing the tremendous power of the waterfall was said to have been his conception.

TAKE OFFICE MONDAY.

County Officers, Except Treasurer, Enter on Duties January 14.

The county officers for the new biennial term, elected at the November election, will take their office next Monday, January 14. The county treasurer and the county superintendent do not take their offices at this time. The statute of Kansas says that the treasurer shall take charge of the office to which he has been elected on the second Thursday in October after the election.

The county officers, who either take office for the first time next Monday and the county superintendent and the county treasurer, are as follows:

Albert Reed, sheriff, succeeding George Bradley.

Wilson Peters, county clerk, succeeds himself.

J. J. Knight, register of deeds, succeeding himself.

J. S. Ellenberger, probate judge, succeeding H. M. Kellogg.

A. E. Barnett, clerk district court, succeeding himself.

F. A. Carmichael, coroner, succeeding A. C. Gault.

W. E. Evans, surveyor, succeeding J. H. Smalley, who resigned before the election was held.

G. A. O'Neal, county commissioner first district, succeeding N. E. Albertson.

D. C. Derby, the newly elected county treasurer, is getting into the ropes in the office of the present treasurer, John Smith, so that when next October comes, he will be equipped with sufficient experience to handle the office well.

James P. Phillips, county superintendent elect, does not enter upon his term of re-election until the second Monday of next May. Mr. Phillips succeeds himself.

SHAKESPEAREAN PLAY.

Romeo and Juliet at Grand Opera House January 16.

Shakespeare's play, "Romeo and Juliet," with all its means in love and fancy and the tremendous climaxes of sorrow in disappointment, will be played in the Grand opera house in Goodland, January 16. The play on the night previous is "Ingomar the Barbarian."

But with Sanford Dodge as Romeo, the lover, on that night, Goodland people can expect a rare and powerful pep into note love and its ways.

So far as we remember, this is the first Shakespearean play to be rendered in this city, and the more pleasing does it lie expectantly against the heart to know that a master will do the stunt for you. This company has been playing in the Tabor Grande in Denver and the Grande in Kansas City to big houses.

Don't miss a play like this when meaning means actual and unrecoverable loss.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to publicly express our thanks in this way that we may extend words of gratitude to the numerous friends and the good people of our town who helped so much as they were able by kindness and otherwise to mitigate our sad bereavement in the death of wife and mother.

W. P. BRINKER AND FAMILY.

Stray Notice.

Taken up, a red yearling heifer, at the Kysar livery barn just north of the water works. G. N. Kysar.

FOR POULTRY ASSOCIATION.

Farmers of Sherman County Going to Do Something in That Line.

Sherman county farmers have begun to bestir themselves for the organization of a poultry association, and to lay the foundation, maybe, for a big poultry center and incubator manufactory. We hope it will be so.

The editor of this paper has received the following "call to the farmers" from Mr. J. A. Corbitt and others of Voltaire township, with the request that it be published. The article says:

For years we have wished that the county settle up enough, or that enough people would become interested in thoroughbred poultry to justify the organization of a county poultry association. We believe the time has now arrived when our county should support an organization of the men and women who are interested in the breeding of a better class of poultry than we now have in our county.

Therefore, we request all lovers of our feathered beauties, both ladies and gentlemen, yes—and girls and boys too—to meet with us at the court house in the city of Goodland on Saturday, January 12, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. sharp, to organize the Sherman County Poultry Association, and to work up an interest so that a year from now we shall be able to hold a local poultry exhibit of no small dimensions.

There is no reason why Goodland and Sherman county should not become the poultry center of northwest Kansas, just as Clay center and Clay county is the recognized poultry center of southeast Nebraska, and Freeport, Ill., the poultry center of Illinois. No reason why Goodland should not, for that matter, have an incubator manufactory equal in extent to the Old Trusty works at Clay Center. Come, then, let us show to the outside world that we produce poultry in Sherman county, and the rest will follow. Just lately the Sure Hatch factory was moved to Freeport, Neb., because it is known to be a poultry center. An effort will be made to have Judge W. A. Lamb of the Kansas agricultural college to address the people of Sherman county either at this meeting or at some time in the near future, if possible.

Don't forget the date.

Don't forget to come.

F. A. HURD,
J. H. EVANS,
B. HURD,
J. A. CORBITT,
Committee.

G. A. R. Install Officers.

The officers elected at the last meeting of the Post in December were installed at the meeting of the Post on Saturday afternoon. The officers for the ensuing year are: J. A. Trent, commander; T. M. Tackitt, senior vice commander; Sylvester Palmer, junior vice commander; J. H. Stewart, adjutant; Wallace Flier, quartermaster; B. D. Cuthbertson, chaplain; Thomas Butt, officer of the day; J. R. Vogan, officer of the guard; J. W. Smith, surgeon. The adjutant, sergeant major and quartermaster sergeant are appointive offices, and vacancies will be filled as they may occur. The finances of the Post are in good condition, and the debt on the hall has been reduced \$150.

For Sale.

A few rose comb Brown Leghorn cockerels. Full grown. The one that the kind you will have to pay \$3 for in a few weeks. \$1 each; three for \$2.25. G. M. Demaree, Kanorado, Kan. Section 7-9-42.

SIMMONS GETS SPEAKERSHIP

DIGHTON MAN WON ON FIRST BALLOT.

Other Candidates in the Race Were C. A. Stannard and Cyrus Leland—*The New Speaker.*

Topeka, Jan. 7.—J. S. Simmons of Lane county was elected speaker of the house of representatives tonight on the first ballot. The vote was Simmons, 16; C. A. Stannard of Lyon, 28, and Cyrus Leland of Doniphan, 12.

There were no nominating speeches. The candidates were placed in nomination without any remarks. Simmons' victory was made possible tonight at 7 o'clock when J. W. Crech of Dickinson county announced in the lobby of the Copeeland hotel that he had withdrawn from the speakership contest. Mr. Crech has been ill for ten days and as a consequence he had not had time or inclination to attend to his speakership campaign.

The surprise of the ballot was the vote cast by Stannard for Simmons. It was generally supposed that Stannard and Leland were working together and that, in the event of the failure of Simmons to be elected on the first ballot, the Stannard vote would go to Leland or vice versa.

It has been well known from the beginning of the fight that the new speaker, Mr. Simmons, was for Bristol for senator. Immediately after the announcement of Simmons' election he gave out this statement:

"I believe the principal duties of the office of speaker are to so organize the legislature and direct its duties as to get the very best possible expenditure of time and this will be best accomplished in line with this I feel that it is not the duty of the speaker nor his privilege to appoint committees to promote or prejudice any particular measure. When he does he substitutes his judgment for that of the house. It is his duty to make up each committee of men who are best qualified to handle the questions coming before that committee and who will be fair and get the matters before the house promptly in the best shape for fair consideration."

"I trust that no effort will be made to attach any senatorial significance to my election and when my support in the friends of nearly every senatorial candidate is considered this cannot consistently be done."

Morgan and Albaugh Helped.

The Simmons victory was due primarily to the splendid organization of the seventh district crowd, headed by W. Y. Morgan, and "Mort" Albaugh. These "natural born" politicians worked night and day. Last night they spread the report, after a caucus in their headquarters, that Simmons had enough votes pledged to elect him on the first ballot. The opposition scoffed at this statement, saying that it was a "bluff" often practiced when a side was a few votes short to frighten weak kneed members into the band wagon. Whether this move had any effect or not is not known, but it is apparent that the statement at that time was incorrect, for Crech then had eight votes and there was no knowledge that he intended to withdraw.

It is rather a noticeable fact that the vote of Stannard elected Simmons if it can be said that the vote of any one member did that. The Simmons vote was forty-six, or exactly enough to elect. While this vote of Stannard was a surprise to many, the real insiders in the Simmons camp say they had positive knowledge that the Stannard vote would go to Simmons rather than to Leland.

W. Y. Morgan, one of the managers of the Simmons campaign, and after the caucus:

"I believe Mr. Simmons will be such a speaker that the men who voted against him will be well satisfied with his work. It was not a victory for any crowd or candidate, but the honest opinion of a majority that Simmons is efficient and fair and that personally preferred that he preside over the house. There will be important measures before the legislature and I am sure John Simmons will give every member and every proposition absolute fair play."

Members Prompt in Arriving.

The members were rather prompt in arriving. By 7:45 o'clock the house was comfortably filled. As the members came into the hall they naturally drifted to their old seats of two years ago, although the regular assignment of places has not been made yet. Shortly before 8 o'clock the gallery door was thrown open and the "gallery members" crowded in there. Several women went to the gallery, although the men were in an overwhelming majority. The large vacant floor spaces on either side of the speaker's desk were filled with chairs which were only sparsely filled. A cloud of smoke hung like a tent top over the gathering, showing that the senator and speaker campaign cigars were still very much in odorous evidence.

The caucus was called to order by Robert Stone of Shawnee. "Story" Brandon of Butler nominated J. W. Cunningham of Cowley for chairman. W. Y. Morgan seconded the nomination and Mr. Cunningham was chosen by acclamation. The chairman was escorted to the chair by Mr. Brandon and Mr. Morgan.

Mr. Cunningham thanked the caucus and said that he was not surprised as he had been privately informed before that the slate was fixed. On a motion by Mr. Stone each candidate was instructed to name a secretary. Mr. Leland named James M. Rhodes of Marshall, Simmons selected D. J. A. Milligan of Anderson and Stannard chose J. W. Berryman of Clark. On motion by W. Y. Morgan the order of business was as follows:

Speaker, speaker pro tem, chief clerk, sergeant-at-arms, doorkeeper, postmaster. As soon as this motion was adopted Mr. Morgan moved that nominating speeches be dispensed with and the names of candidates were presented simply by some friend of the candidate. W. B. Ham of Rooks nominated C. A. Stannard, E. A. Enright of Wyandotte nominated Cyrus Leland and W. T. Morgan of Reno nominated J. S. Simmons.

TO MAKE CEMENT.

Hays City, in Ellis County, to Begin a Great Industry.

Salina, Kan., Jan. 7.—Prof. Haworth, the state geologist of Lawrence, was in the city yesterday. He has been out to investigate the cement beds between Hays City and Russell. The professor says they are all right and make a splendid quality of cement.

A half carload of the material was sent back to a big cement mill in Pennsylvania where it was made into the finished product. It was a pronounced quality of cement.

A company has been formed for building a large plant to manufacture the article from these beds. It requires a very costly plant it is said to finish the product. The one in contemplation is to cost \$150,000.

It is said there is material in these beds that would require hundreds of years to work up. It will become a great industry for Kansas if it proves as good as expected by those who engage in building a mill.

Wonderful Profits.

Bees Growing in Finney County Make Land Yield \$70 Per Acre a Year.

Garden City, Jan. 7.—An interesting showing of the profits from bee growing in this section is made in a table prepared by Field Superintendent Turner of the United States Sugar and Land Company. It summarizes results from thirty-one bee fields in the Garden City district, not necessarily the best results, but an average showing. The net profits per acre from sugar beets is shown to be around \$70 an acre, although a considerable number of growers have done better than \$100 clear profit.

Figures compiled on a comparative basis prove that this section is obtaining more profitable results than in Colorado on land worth \$400 an acre and by more experienced farmers. As this part of the country cannot be said to have nearly reached its most profitable basis these results are extremely encouraging.

FIGHT ON CORTELYOU.

Senators Teller and Daniel are Keeping It Up.

Washington, Jan. 8.—At the request of Senators Teller and Daniel the senate committee on Finance today postponed for a week action on the nomination of Postmaster General Cortelyou to be secretary of the treasury. They did not announce whether their opposition to his confirmation would continue now that he has secured the chairmanship of the republican national committee.

Fifty Books, Six Months, Two Dollars.

The Kansas traveling libraries commission, an adjunct of the state library, is prepared to furnish small libraries for the use of schools, study clubs, literary societies, or other responsible organizations, upon proper application being made. The libraries contain fifty books each, and may be kept six months, absolutely free of expense, except the transportation fee of \$2, to cover shipping charges to and from destination. For blank applications and other information, address Mrs. Nellie G. Armentrout, Secretary, Topeka, Kan.

County Superintendent Phillips has one of the libraries in his office, and it may be examined by any one who is interested in the traveling libraries.

DAMAGES WILL BE HEAVY

ROCK ISLAND'S COSTLY WRECK AT VOLAND.

Mexico Will Demand Indemnity for Mexican Laborers Killed—*Material Damage \$40,000.*

The material loss to the Rock Island railroad on account of the Voland wreck is estimated at \$40,000. This will be a small matter in comparison with damages the company will have to pay for the killed and injured. The Mexican government will demand indemnity to relatives for Mexican laborers who were killed in the wreck on that road Wednesday morning, and Jose Yr. Del Real, Mexican consul to this city, yesterday, "I am not ready to make any public statement relative to the steps to be taken by me as the Mexican representative to Kansas City, but I propose to see that justice is done those that were injured and that the relatives of those killed are indemnified according to their rights, as provided by law."

Mr. Del Real declined to discuss his proposed action other than to say that it was his duty as the local representative of his government to see that justice be done in the matter. He will proceed to ascertain the identity of all those killed, and immediately communicate with their relatives and his government.

The Mexicans killed in the wreck were wandering laborers collected in this city by an employment agency. Where they came from, and their homes are is not known by the employment agent, but the Mexican consul is in a very good position to ascertain these facts, and it is more than probable that much litigation will follow.

Statements by Officials.

The officials of the road declare that Operator Lynes was the one solely to blame for the wreck. He swears that he is only 18 years of age, and the officials say that in his application he gave his age as 21. The published statements on these subjects are as follows:

"When Lynes received Shumate's order he responded with the cipher 'X' which means 'I have your order and have set the semaphore and will deliver your orders.'"

"Now the semaphore is always set at danger in its ordinary condition, and if Lynes changed it at all he set it at clear. Mr. Rourke has the statement of Engineer Slater of No. 29 that the board was at clear when No. 29 pulled out. He also has the statement of the pump man at Voland that when Lynes told him of what had happened he went out and looked at the board and it was set at clear."

Mr. Tinsman exhibited an application for a position which he had secured from the Santa Fe and which Lynes had filed with the Santa Fe December 24, in which he stated that he was 23 years old at his last birthday. Mr. Tinsman stated that in his application for a position with the Rock Island he also gave his age as 23. In Lynes sworn statement he gives his age as 18.

Tinsman is the division superintendent at Topeka.

Goodland Clothing Co.



Clearance Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing

The big sale of stock reduction is on!

Your choice of styles of the Hart Schaffner & Marx make Overcoats and Suits for the stout, slim, short and regular sizes included. We propose to reduce our big stock, which accounts for the following prices. We ask you to see these fabrics, examine them, make comparisons. You will then realize the values we are giving. Remember, this means a reduction on every Suit and Overcoat in the store, which is all a new, clean stock.

We are the Good Clothes Store. Money refunded on any purchase not satisfactory.

MEN'S SUITS	
Men's \$10 and \$12 Suits, are now	\$ 8.50
Mens \$15 Suits, are now	12.50
Men's 17.50 and \$18 Suits, are now	15.00
Men's 20.00 Suits, are now	16.50
Men's 22.50 Suits, are now	18.50
Men's 25.00 Suits, are now	22.50
Men's 27.50 Suits, are now	25.00
Men's 30.00 Suits, are now	27.50
MEN'S OVERCOATS	
\$12.50 Overcoats, now	\$10.00
15.00 Overcoats, now	12.50
16.50 and \$17.50 Overcoats, now	15.00
18.00 and \$20.00 Overcoats, now	16.50
22.50 Overcoats, now	20.00
25.00 Overcoats, now	22.50

Goodland Clothing Co.

Boys' Clothing

For Ages 2½ years to 16 years

\$ 2.75 suits	\$2.25
4.00 "	3.25
5.00 "	4.25
7.00 "	5.50
10.00 "	8.00



Goodland Clothing Company
RICHARD AUER, Manager

Seasonable Goods Reduced

Every year we have made it a rule to close out all goods in their season. By this we have no accumulation of old stocks piling up from year to year in our way. These Fall and Winter stocks have served their purpose well. We have enjoyed the best business in the history of our store. At times our patronage urged us to the utmost in order to supply the demand. A great many of these goods will go with a direct loss to us, but we care not. This merchandise must not be here when the Spring Goods arrive. On the whole, we have made a fair profit, and supplied our customers at the lowest possible prices. Every stock in the store has been gone through thoroughly and all broken lots, odds and ends, have been culled out, and the prices reduced. As some lots are in limited quantities, we suggest that you come early in order to secure first choice.

Black Sateen Petticoats Reduced

Our line of \$3.50 and \$4.00 Black Sateen Petticoats will be reduced 50 cents on the garment for one week only. They are good stock, of the famous Waterloo Brand.

These are bargains.

CUTTED \$2.50 PANTS

WARRANTED NOT TO RIP

SEWED WITH SHOE THREAD

CUT HIGH IN THE WAIST

MADE BY CROFTS' PATENT PRESS

Ladies' Wrappers Reduced

We have a large assortment of Ladies' Wrappers and House Dresses, and in order to move them off more rapidly, we have cut the price from 35c to 50c on the garment. They are good stock, made of fine quality Admiral 4-4 Percales and fine Flannellettes. We need the room and they must go.

Fall and Winter Waists Reduced

Our entire stock of Fall and Winter Waists—the Famous Bell Line—go on sale this week at 25 per cent discount. These will not last long—come early.

20 Per Cent Discount on Ladies' Cloaks

Just to add impetus to the trading and to start business off more briskly for the new year, we are going to sell all of our new style Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks at 20 per cent discount. There are not many of them, but every garment must be sold, as we do not want to carry them over to another season. We are willing to take the loss if you are willing to take the garments.

\$1.50 Kimonos \$1.25

This beauty and style of these attractive Kimonos are so different from the ordinary, we do not expect them to last long at this price.

\$1.25 Dressing Scaques \$1

These attractive Dressing Scaques are made of fine quality Russian Velours. They are bargains at the original price, but they must go at \$1.00.

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